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HOUSE BILL 2661

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Water resources development commission; members;
3 responsibilities; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The director of the department of water resources shall appoint a
5 water resources development commission. The commission membership shall be
6 made up of no more than fifteen members with knowledge about a variety of
7 water resource and water management issues around the state and representing
8 a regional and geographic cross-section of the state. The director or
9 designee of the director shall act as chair of the commission. A co-chair
10 shall be appointed by the director from the membership of the commission.

11 B. The commission shall:

12 1. Compile and consider the projected water needs of each county in
13 the next twenty-five, fifty and one hundred years.

14 2. Identify and quantify the water supplies currently available in
15 each county.

16 3. Identify potential water supplies that could be used to meet
17 additional demands in the next twenty-five, fifty and one hundred years.

18 4. Identify any legal and technical issues associated with use of
19 those supplies.

20 5. Identify potential mechanisms to finance the acquisition of water
21 supplies and any infrastructure necessary to treat or deliver the water
22 supplies.

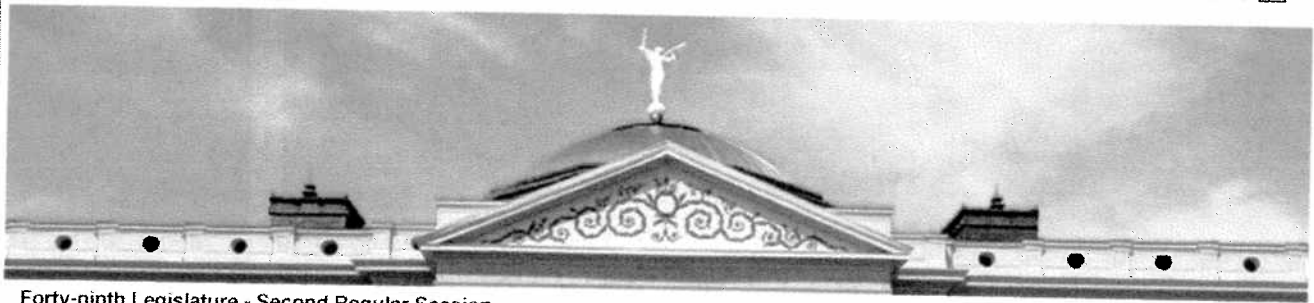
23 6. Make recommendations regarding the need for further studies and
24 evaluations.

25 C. The department of water resources, central Arizona water
26 conservation district, Arizona water banking authority, and rural water study
27 groups shall provide technical support for the commission.

28 D. The commission shall prepare a report of its findings and
29 recommendations, including recommendations for suggested legislation, and
30 submit it to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and
31 the president of the senate, on or before October 1, 2011. The commission
32 shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

33 E. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2012.

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HB 2661

statewide water augmentation authority; study

Sponsor: Representative Tobin

DPA Committee on Water and Energy

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X As Transmitted to the Governor

HB 2661 creates the Water Resources Development Commission for the purpose of assessing the current and future water needs of Arizona.

History

The Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) was given the power to formulate plans and develop programs for the practical and economical development, management, conservation and use of water in Arizona under Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-105. For this purpose, the Statewide Planning Division of ADWR was formed.

Under the Statewide Planning Division, the Statewide Water Advisory Group (**SWAG**) was formed to discuss programs needed to develop a reliable water supply for the future. The purpose of SWAG is to advise ADWR regarding programs for water resources development and management that are needed to provide a reliable future water supply throughout Arizona.

Provisions

- Establishes a Water Resources Development Commission (Commission) consisting of no more than 15 appointed members, each with unique expertise and water knowledge.
- Requires the Director of ADWR to appoint members to the Commission, to act as or designate a chair for the Commission, and appoint a co-chair from the membership of the Commission.
- Outlines the duties of the Commission:
 - Assess projected water needs of each county in the next twenty-five, fifty, and one hundred years.
 - Determine and quantify each county's water supplies currently available.
 - Forecast demands for water and identify potential water supplies to meet the need.
 - Address legal and technical issues associated with the use of water supplies.
 - Prescribe potential financing mechanisms for the acquisition of water supplies and necessary infrastructure for water treatment and delivery.
 - Make recommendations regarding the need for further water studies and evaluations.
- Ensures technical support to the Commission from ADWR, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, the Arizona Water Banking Authority, and rural water study groups.
- Specifies that the Commission report its findings and suggested legislation and submit the information to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by October 1, 2011.
- Repeals the Commission on September 30, 2012.
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